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Phoenix Woman Indicted for Fraud, Theft

(Phoenix, Ariz. – Oct. 31, 2007) Attorney General Terry Goddard today announced the indictment of Cheryl Crabtree, 62, of Phoenix, on charges of fraud and theft.

According to the indictment, Crabtree embezzled more than \$200,000 while serving as a bookkeeper and then as chief financial officer for the Tucson company Dot Kret and Associations (DKA). This company places mentally/physically challenged adults in work situations throughout Arizona. The indictment alleges that Crabtree embezzled the money over a period of 13 years.

Crabtree was arrested Tuesday and is being held in the Pima County Jail on \$300,000 bond. Her next court appearance is scheduled for Nov. 6. The case is assigned to Pima County Superior Court Judge Hector Campoy.

The indictment is the result of an investigation by the Attorney General's Special Investigation Section. If convicted of all charges, Crabtree faces up to 12.5 years in prison. Assistant Attorney General John Evans is handling this case.

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